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1. SUMMARY: THE EC EDUCATION COUNCIL HELD ITS SECOND MEETING OF THE YEAR NOVEMBER 29 IN BRUSSELS. THE MINISTERS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION COVERING A SERIES OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE PREPARATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE FOR WORKING LIFE AND TO FACILITATE THE IRTRANSITION FROM EDUCATIONAL TO WORKING STATUS. END SUMMARY.
2. IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT SCHOOL, THE EDUCATION COUNCIL MET NOVEMBER 29 TO DISCUSS MEANS OF IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL TO WORKING STATUS. THESE SAME ISSUES WILL BE DEALT WITH IN MORE GENERAL TERMS BY THE SOCIAL COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 9.
3. THE MINISTERS APPROVED A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM (1977 TO 1980), INCLUDING A SERIES OF 20 PILOT PROJECTS, BUDGETED AT 11.4 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT, TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND MEMBER STATE LEVELS. THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE: (A) A SURVEY OF EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-

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SCHOOL YOUTH WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SECURE AND

RETAIN EMPLOYMENT; (B) THE PROBLEM OF LOW MOTIVATION TOWARDS BOTH EDUCATION AND WORK; (C) ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS; (D) ASSISTANCE TO MIGRANTS AND SPECIAL GROUPS SUCH AS THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED; (E) GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING; (F) IMPROVED VOCATIONAL TRAINING; (G) IMPROVED TEACHER TRAINING; (H) IMPROVED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON SCHOOL LEAVERS; AND (I) THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG MEMBER STATES IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD.

4. THE MINISTERS ALSO DISCUSSED A REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON PROGRESS MADE SO FAR IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EC'S FEBRUARY 1976 EDUCATION ACTION PROGRAM, INCLUDING: (A) SIX PILOT PROJECTS CONCERNING EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS; (B) LAUNCHING OF A PROGRAM OF GRANTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT STUDY COURSES AMONG THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN DIFFERENT MEMBER STATES; (C) PLANS TO INTRODUCE IN 1977 AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM INVOLVING TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND ADMINISTRATION STAFFS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS; (D) PLANS TO PUBLISH IN 1977 INFORMATION ON COURSES AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR MEMBER STATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS. HINTON

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